

Remarks

Claims 1-40 were previously pending in the application. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by way of this Response. Applicants explicitly reserve the right to add/pursue the claims as originally filed at a later date and/or in a continuation/divisional application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the instant application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner's Election Requirement

In the Restriction/Election Requirement dated March 3, 2008, the Examiner states:

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-25, drawn to evaluating travel accommodations, classified in class 705, subclass 7.
- II. Claims 26-40, drawn to storing information about an end user, classified in class 705, subclass 10. (See, Restriction Requirement, page 2).

Applicants' Election

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's Restriction Requirement and submit that there is no undue burden for the Examiner to conduct a substantive search of the claims in Group I (claims 1-25), as well as the claims in Group II (claims 11-20).

However, should the Examiner maintain his position, Applicants provisionally elect the claims in Group I (claims 1-25) for substantive examination. Further, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims or subject matter in one or more divisional applications at a later time.

In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate examination of the application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of the Response to Deposit Account No. 03-1240, Order No. 17200-098. In the event that an additional extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make the Response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 03-1240, Order No. 17200-098.

Respectfully submitted,
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